

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner Zachariah Lucas	Art Unit 1648

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the Response of June 8, 2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 7 and 24-30.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 5/17/04
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Status of the Claims

1. Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 24-30 are pending and allowed in the present application.
2. In the prior action, mailed on December 13, 2006, claims 1-4, 6, 7, 24-30 were pending; with claims 1-4, 6, 7, 25, and 27 under consideration and rejected, and claims 24, 26, and 28-30 from consideration. In the Response of June 8, 2006, the Applicant presented arguments in traversal of the rejection.

Because the elected species of the claimed method are found allowable, the restriction between pending claims 1-4, 6, 7, 25, and 27 and withdrawn claims 24, 26, 28-30 is withdrawn, and all of the pending claims are allowed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. **(Prior Rejection- Withdrawn)** Claims 1-4, 6, 7, 25, and 27 were rejected in the prior action under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as containing subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to use the claimed method to identify potential vaccines for any infectious disease. The claims are drawn not to a method that will identify vaccine targets, but to a method that will identify targets that may then be further tested to determine if they would in fact be useful vaccine targets. As the claims require only the identification of such potential vaccine targets, and as the art indicates that upregulated self-antigens may (or may not) be useful targets for anti-pathogenic therapy, the Applicant's arguments in traversal of the rejection are found persuasive and the rejection is withdrawn.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

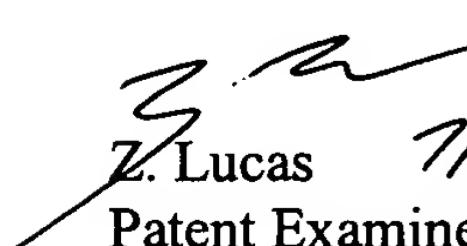
4. **(Prior Rejection-Withdrawn)** Claims 1-3, 27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Könen-Waisman et al. (J Infect Dis 179: 403-13). Applicant's arguments are found persuasive, the rejection is therefore withdrawn.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Zachariah Lucas whose telephone number is 571-272-0905. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8 am to 4:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Bruce Campell can be reached on 571-272-0974. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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